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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Next meeting will be held in the Royal Society's Room  
Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday, November 16th, 7.45.p.m.

## SPEAKER

Mr. D. R. Gregg:-

Director, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

## NOVEMBER OUTING

The bus has now been fully booked. But if you find  
after all, that you would like to come - get in touch  
with Miss F.E.Warren, Flat 75, Block 8, 131 Hill Street,  
West Hobart, in case there are any cancellations.

You might just be lucky!

## LAST OUTING

was on Saturday, October 21st and was to Mt. Field  
National Park area. Object was to find a certain shrub  
which we thought might still be in flower.

Well - we found two of them - right down by the  
side of the Tyenna River, about a mile below the Park.  
Its flowering was over but it had its fruit still on  
it. We are hoping to have it identified by next meeting.  
Six carloads of Field Nats went on the outing. We  
had lunch at the Park then Mrs. Thorpe took us to find  
lots of fossils at a roadside cutting on the way to  
Maydena. Another find was the orchid Chiloglottis  
gunnii. Some specimens of Pomaderris elliptica  
were collected for Lord Talbot's Endemic Flora -  
but we found that samples of this had already been  
sent away. Two variants of Phebalium squamea were  
found in flower - one was a robust shrub with leaves  
up to 7 cm length and 15 mm wide, with petals 3 mm  
wide. The other was a thin shrub with leaves about  
3 cm long and 5 mm wide, with petals only about  
1½ mm wide. The flowering of the latter was nearly  
finished but that of the former was just beginning -  
interesting! The robust shrubs were further up on the  
hillside and the thin ones were right down by the  
water's edge.

## Items arising from the Federation Meeting.

1. What are your thoughts on supporting the search for the Thylacine? Should the Club give support for this venture? How?
2. The National Parks and Wildlife Service would welcome suggestions, along with any views upon the broad form of protective legislation.

Such topics as the practicability of plant species protection, the desirability of including, for example, such species as Leatherwood (*Eucryphia lucida*) and Huon Pine (*Dacrydium franklinii*) which, although important Tasmanian endemics, are either already taken for commercial purposes or may be subject to increasing exploitation as the wood-chip operations are intensified, might usefully be considered. These matters have not yet been fully discussed by the Service but it is intended to pursue them as soon as can conveniently be fitted into the very full list of high priority requirements. Any contribution which the Federation may be willing to make would be very welcome and could come at a most opportune time.

3. Club lists could be made of flora which are rare in their areas. Clubs could try to interest their local forestry personnel, or nurserymen to propagate these for use in private gardens. While one can go to the bush and dig these things up, nurserymen are not likely to bother growing them - but if our flora becomes 'protected' there could then be a profitable sideline for them. Some are already being grown by local firms. Just lately there were in the shops young Oyster Bay Pines, and Eucalyptus risdonii.

What are the threatened species in our locality?

4. Types of habitat - Ecotypes- Clubs could report on the types already protected in their area and note any particular places which they think should be included. A preliminary report on this could be sent to the Federation by Christmas so that they could correlate the information to pass on to the N.P. and W.L.Service.
5. Interest for Tourists - we wished we had some kind of booklet which could be handed or sold to tourists, in which they would find listed and/or described the Tasmanian birds, animals and flora which they could

Look for as they toured the Island, with suggestions as to where they could be found.

There are good books available on flora, on animals and on birds - but not ONE book on all three.

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Now having read all these items from the last Federation Meeting, will you please think them over, and send in any suggestions you might like to make to the secretary as soon as you can - for Christmas will soon be upon us !

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HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS 1972

and

then let us all do our bit  
for Conservation  
in 1973

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ELECTORS !

Look at the Conservation Policies of your members.

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(Turn over)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Tasmanian Field Naturalist's Club

? ? ?

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Mr. I.S.Lea  
85 Montagu Street  
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(and another sub due !)

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and MEMBERSHIP:

3rd Thursday in the month - meeting night  
(a. Business b. Speaker)  
Weekend following meeting - Outing  
(Variety of places and objects)

and a chance to do your bit towards Conservation.

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Next meeting will be in February.

The Annual Meeting will be in March.

Be thinking of likely personnel for office-bearers.

Position of President and Secretary will probably be vacant.

Other Office Bearers are Assistant Secretary, Treasurer,  
and Committee Members.

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